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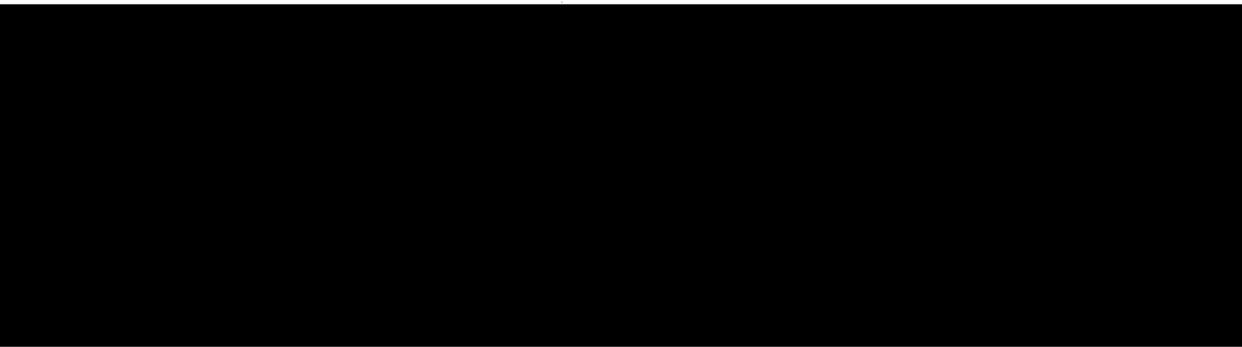
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1. [Redacted] Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp [Redacted] this installation has now been converted into a labor camp for the internment of ordinary criminals. The actual concentration camp inmates, political and military, were taken to Neu Brandenburg.

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2. Railroad workers in the Sachsenhausen district report that toward the end of August 1947, one train of about twenty-five cars left Sachsenhausen every day. These trains, carrying approximately one thousand prisoners each, were said to be bound for Kiev, USSR. On 29 August 1947 there were only five thousand internees left in Sachsenhausen. It is reported that the installation will now be used both as a transit camp for long-term prisoners and as a permanent camp for short-term internees.

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3. [Redacted] confirms previous reports to the effect that, at least until August 1946, the Sachsenhausen concentration camp was divided into three sections. A military section contained approximately five thousand German officers who were treated and fed more or less according to the standards set by the Geneva Convention for prisoners of war. The political section, which contained hundreds of apparently innocuous citizens in addition to the usual Nazi internees, was maintained on a level equal to that of the worst Nazi concentration camps. A third section was kept strictly segregated

25X1X [Redacted] the nature of the prisoners who were kept there.

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4. [Redacted] the Horn Barracks on the outskirts of Frankfurt/Oder in August 1946. [Redacted] large numbers of prisoners and former PWs being shuttled both east and west. The westbound consignees were released PWs from camps in all parts of the Soviet Union. Eastbound were the political prisoners and others assigned to labor service in Russia; among these were about two-thirds of the officers who had been at Sachsenhausen. Most of the prisoners from Russian concentration camps in Germany were broken in health and spirits. It was the source's impression from conversations with large numbers of these persons that the most vicious of all the Russian camps in Germany was the one at Muhlhausen, in Thuringia.

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5. The Horn Barracks at Frankfurt were divided into three "zones". Zone I contained persons who were classed as major criminals, including all former German officers of field grade or higher. Zone II contained persons against whom there were only minor charges, as well as those in the process of being released. Zone III contained PWs who were returning from Russia.
6. The Russians made a point of allowing no one to die in Zones II or III of the camp. Those desperately ill and on the point of death were loaded on wagons and moved to the Hindenburg Barracks two or three miles away, where they died and were buried. The doctors in the Horn Barracks infirmary found it difficult to give effective treatment to the sick because of the shortage of drugs; their chief occupation was the keeping of elaborate case histories in which records of medical dosages were entered even when none were in fact administered—which was usually the case. The Russian authorities were insistent upon the keeping of paper evidence to the effect that the treatment of prisoners was in all cases correct and humane. Medicines and anaesthetics were available, as a rule, only on occasions when there was an inspection of the camp. Operations could be performed only with the specific sanction of the Russian physicians in charge, and this permission was given only after long delays, in the course of which the patient sometimes died. A Dr. Hauer is mentioned as one who, when suffering from an ailment which could have been cured through operation, nevertheless died because the permission to operate was never granted.

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